

Resolution No.: 17-388
Introduced: March 27, 2012
Adopted: April 10, 2012

**COUNTY COUNCIL
FOR MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND**

By: Council President at the Request of the County Executive

SUBJECT: Support for Application to the State for Re-Designation of Bethesda Arts and Entertainment District in Montgomery County

Background


1. Md. Code Ann., Econ. Development §4-704 authorizes the Secretary of the Maryland Department of Business and Economic Development to designate one or more Arts and Entertainment Districts within the State every year.
2. Each Arts and Entertainment District is to be designated in accordance with the requirements set forth in Md. Code Ann., Econ. Development §4-704 and the regulation required to be issued under §4-707.
3. Md. Code Ann., Econ. Development §4-703 provides that the governing body of a county may apply to the Secretary for the designation of an Arts and Entertainment District in the county.
4. The application to the Secretary must include, among other things, evidence that the political subdivision held a public hearing, and a written expression of the sentiment of the local elected governing body regarding the filing of the application for the re-designation in the form of a resolution.
5. In accordance with the application process, the Montgomery County Department of Economic Development invited public comment on the re-designation of the Bethesda Arts and Entertainment District and held a public hearing on March 20, 2012 to receive comments on the proposal.
6. The County Executive recommends that the County Council approve the recommendation to apply for the re-designation of the Bethesda Arts and Entertainment District.

Action

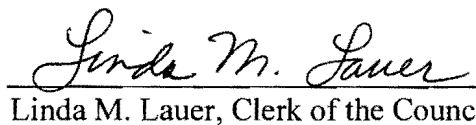
The County Council for Montgomery County, Maryland, approves the following resolution:

The County Council supports application to the Secretary of the Maryland Department of Business and Economic Development for re-designation of downtown Bethesda as an Arts and Entertainment District in Montgomery County.

Approved:

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Isiah Leggett, County Executive Date April 20, 2012

This is a correct copy of Council action.

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Linda M. Lauer, Clerk of the Council Date April 23, 2012